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(C) On July 16, Francois Delmas, MFA strategic affairs desk officer for Iraq, stated that France supports the expansion of the NATO Training Mission-Iraq (NTM-I), so long as there would be no deployment of French troops to Iraq. Delmas stressed France's commitment to strengthening Iraqi institutions, including in the security sector. He cited France's contributions to the European Union's EUJUST LEX training mission and France's willingness to continue to welcome Iraqi security personnel for training in France. France will continue to look for ways to assist in Iraqi reconstruction and, following FM Kouchner's two visits to Iraq, is focused on possibly running more of its assistance efforts out of the new French embassy office in Erbil.

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